

Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 67.11 – WOOD PRODUCTS COATING OPERATIONS AND THE REPEAL OF RULE 67.11.1 – LARGE COATING OPERATIONS FOR WOOD PRODUCTS

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) will hold a public meeting to consider the amendments to Rule 67.11 – Wood Products Coating Operations and the repeal of Rule 67.11.1 – Large Coating Operations for Wood Products. Comments may be submitted in writing before, or made at the workshop, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE:

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

TIME:

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Al Bahr Shrine

5440 Kearny Mesa Rd San Diego, CA 92111-1303

(See map on page 3.)

Air quality in San Diego County has substantially improved over the past two decades due to comprehensive efforts to reduce air pollutant emissions. Nevertheless, State and federal air quality standards for ozone are not met in the region. Consequently, emissions of air pollutants that form ozone, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), must be reduced. State and federal laws require the District to update its rules to control VOC emissions from stationary sources as control technologies improve or control costs are reduced.

Existing Rule 67.11 controls emissions of VOCs resulting from the coating of wood products and associated cleaning operations. The rule was last amended in 2002. Since then, several other air districts in California have amended their corresponding rules to further reduce VOC emissions from wood coating operations. The District is now proposing to amend its rule reflecting the current availability of coating and cleaning materials with lower VOC content and to generally update the rule, where necessary.

In summary, the proposed amendments will:

• Lower the small usage exemption limit from 500 gallons to 20 gallons of coatings or less per consecutive 12-month period;

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- Exempt coating operations that emit 150 pounds or less of VOC per consecutive 12-month period from most sections of the rule;
- Specify lower VOC limits for certain wood coating categories for new wood products;
- Remove outdated references and the subsection specifying VOC limits for Large Coating Operations. These separate VOC limits are no longer needed because the same VOC limits will apply to all facilities;
- Reduce the VOC limit for surface preparation and equipment cleaning materials to 25 grams or less of VOC per liter of material;
- Reduce the total VOC vapor pressure limit for stripping materials to 2 mmHg or less, at 20°C (68°F);
- Clarify and update existing definitions and record keeping requirements;
- Update the test methods for determining the content of VOC and exempt compounds in coatings and cleaning materials.

Additionally, the District proposes to repeal outdated Rule 67.11.1, which applies only to facilities that emit 25 tons or more of VOC per calendar year from wood coating operations. Rule 67.11.1 was previously submitted to and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The District proposes withdrawing Rule 67.11.1 from the SIP and replacing it with amended Rule 67.11.

The District requests that workshop participants bring their own copy of proposed amended Rule 67.11. Copies may also be downloaded from the District's website at http://www.sdapcd.org/homepage/public_part/workshops/public_workshops.pdf. Those without internet access may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712. If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please contact Angela Durr at (858) 586-2753, Natalie Yates at (858) 586-2756, or Rob Reider at (858) 586-2640.

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